

REMARKS

Claims 10- 17 and 19-29 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-9 and 18 have been canceled. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner objected to claims 23-29 as being in improper double multiple dependent form. However, applicants would respectfully note that the Examiner seems to have overlooked the fact that the multiple dependent upon a multiple dependent issue was corrected by preliminary amendment when the application entered the National Phase. Accordingly it is submitted that these claims are proper. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-9 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Ng (2003/0197918). These claims have been cancelled.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that claims 10, 12, 14-17 and 19-22 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if presented in independent form. Accordingly, claims 10, 12, 14-22 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 19-22 have been amended to recite multiple dependency upon the allowed parent claims. Note that no double multiple dependencies are being used. Hence these claims are also now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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Respectfully submitted,

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